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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE  
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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I	Basis of this opinion
1.	With regard to the <b>language</b> , this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.  <input type="checkbox"/> This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;  
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disclose all the features mentioned in independent claim 1 in combination with one another. The subject matter of this claim is therefore again not novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

3.1 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 7

Document D1 (see page 4, line 52 - page 5, line 26; figures 1-5) discloses (the references between parentheses relate to said document):

use of a pointed tool (16) with a shaft, a head part (end 16' + webs 20) arranged thereon and a point (16'') at the end of the shaft, on the periphery of which at least one clearance (22) is provided, for making a ventilating opening in the wall (15) of a paint cup for a paint spraying gun by penetrating said wall, the clearance (22) forming a ventilating channel when the pointed tool (16) is pushed so far into the ventilating opening once it has been made that the clearance (22) is at the level of the region of the container wall (1) enclosing the ventilating opening.

3.2 Therefore, document D1 discloses all the features mentioned in independent claim 7 in combination with one another. The subject matter of this claim is therefore not novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

4 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2, 3

Claims 2, 3 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements for novelty (see document D1).

5 It is considered hereafter that claims 8-12 are

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concerned with **use** of a pointed tool (as in independent claim 7).

5.1 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 9, 10, 12

Claims 9, 10, 12 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step (see document D1).

5.2 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 4-6, 8, 11, 13

The combination of features contained in dependent claims 4-6, 8, 11, 13 meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step, since this combination of features is neither known from the available prior art nor suggested by it.